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DAGGER GROUP FORMED IN MCWILLIAMS' PARTY

American Destiny Party Creates Secret Inner Organization of Terroristic Nature

The Hour is able to disclose that within the last few weeks a secret organization called The Knights Of The Dagger has been formed by Joseph E. McWilliams, leader of the American Destiny Party and Congressional candidate from the 18th District in New York. Only the most trusted of McWilliams' henchmen are being invited to join the inner clique. Each initiate is given a miniature stainless steel dagger to wear inside his lapel. The password, known only to these elect, is: "Sooner or later."

Trustworthiness is not the only qualification for membership in The Knights Of The Dagger. The majority of its recruits are selected from the Destiny Party strong-arm squad. Each Knight must be able to handle a gun, must pledge to keep himself in excellent physical shape, and must be ready to answer "the call" whenever it comes. Exactly what will be the nature of "the call" has not yet been made clear. However, the Knights are told the most heroic sacrifices may be demanded of them.

It appears that McWilliams, who rather modestly admits "Adolph Hitler is the greatest leader in the history of the world," is setting up his own little Schutzstaffel.

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OFFICIAL FASCIST DOCUMENT PLACED IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Thorkelson Inserts Article From Imperial Fascist Union of England

On August 20 Representative Thorkelson inserted in the Congressional Record an article originally issued by the Imperial Fascist Union of London, England. It is not unusual for the Congressman from Montana to incorporate in the Record anti-democratic propaganda, but this particular insertion represents what is probably the most vicious piece of fascist anti-Semitic literature ever to be included in a U. S. Government publication. The tirade fills six pages in the Congressional Record.

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An introduction to the Fascist Union article observes, "This pamphlet demonstrates the Jewish contamination among the titled families of Britain," but adds that in "publishing this pamphlet" there is "no idea of attacking the aristocratic principle." To the Imperial Fascist Union, aristocracy is essential: "The necessity for an aristocracy to supervise the nation's politics is a fundamental tenet of the fascist creed."

The document goes on to say that the Jewish people are responsible for the present crisis in England. They have "weakened" the British aristocracy by gaining titles for themselves and by marrying into families of "Gentile nobility." The authors, of course, apply their Nazi racial theories not only to aristocratic circles. They say, "Although this booklet deals only with the titled aristocracy, a similar state of affairs could easily be demonstrated among the official, commercial and professional communities. Possibly the least affected and the most Aryan community is the agricultural one."

Nazi Techniques

The solution proposed by these English fascists is the same as the Nazis recommend: elimination of the Jewish people. The pamphlet points out there is already an English precedent for such action:

"It has long been one of the Jewish methods in the attainment of world domination to penetrate into privileged circles where political power is greatest; Edward the First, by expelling the Jews in 1290, saved us from too early an application of this process in Britain ... "

To prove the extent to which British aristocracy has been "contaminated," the article lists the names of hundreds of titleholders, who are "non-Aryans" or who have cooperated with Jewish organizations. The latter are called "artificial Jews." Among these, for example, is named Lord Marley "... [whose] actions show that, whatever he may be, he cannot regard it libelous to be described at least as an 'artificial Jew.'"

Lindbergh Admired

The only reference to American affairs is in praise of Colonel Lindbergh. The article remarks it was the "weakness" of the "Aryan race" in the United States that caused the Lone Eagle to leave this country four years ago. "Colonel Lindbergh, in 1936, left the United States for exactly these reasons; although individual Americans will continue to pull their weight in pioneering for humanity, yet the people of the United States can no longer, in the mass, maintain a decent enough standard of public conduct to prevent him from public annoyance."

Representative Sabbath Condemns Inclusion of Document

After the insertion of the material, Representative Sabbath of Illinois expressed his regret that the Congressman from Montana, who was defeated for renomination, had not desisted from placing in the Record "scurrilous, defamatory and libelous anti-Semitic propaganda which duplicates the propaganda of Hitler and his Nazi gang ... with the willful and malicious purpose, among other things, of creating religious and racial hatred and national discord."

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EDMONDSON AND INTERNATIONAL ANTI-SEMITISM

In his last bulletin Robert Edward Edmondson, key pamphleteer of U. S. Fascism, boasts of the ties he has with anti-Semites throughout the world. He says:

"Captain H. H. Beamish, World Dean of the Jew-exposure movement, wrote recently from South Africa: 'I want to congratulate you on your Vigilante bulletins, which hit the nail on the head every time.' Leader Adrien Arcand of Canada, highest North American authority on the Jewish Problem, wrote : 'Edmondson's propaganda leaflets, scientifically written and documented, are being circulated by the million.' London Editor Arnold S. Leese, most-reliable British Jew-exposure expert printed this: 'Edmondson has won one of the greatest victories in the world. We ask all our American readers to assist him in every way to develop a great movement among our Aryan brothers across the Atlantic.' The London weekly Patriot published this : 'Robert Edward Edmondson's broadsheets are a mine of documented information on Jewish subversive activities.' 'God Bless Your Work' -- Father Dennis Fahey of Dublin, Ireland, author of the famous Mystical Body of Christ. 'You are a true Light Bearer. God Bless you! I am privileged to pass on much of your information to my people from the pulpit, and to a large following over the radio.'"

Father Fahey, mentioned last in the above passage, is the same priest to whom Father Charles E. Coughlin periodically refers as "an authority on the Jewish question." Father Coughlin is so impressed with Fahey's material that he often uses it at great length, giving credit to the Irish priest as a matter of professional courtesy. Apparently, Edmondson's propaganda reaches Father Coughlin in a rather roundabout manner.

Praise from Nazi Germany

In the bulletin quoted from, Edmondson makes no reference to his closest bond with international anti-Semitism. He fails to mention the intimate relationship existing between him and the "World-Service" at Erfurt, Germany. This official Nazi agency for spreading anti-democratic and anti-Semitic propaganda throughout the world has long considered Edmondson to be one of its most useful contacts. The high regard in which it holds him was shown in a letter sent to Edmondson from Erfurt on September 4, 1937 (see The Hour for October 21, 1939). This letter, bearing the signatures of anti-Semitic leaders from twenty-two nations, praised the pamphleteer for his vicious attacks against the Jewish people and stated that the Nazis felt he was "putting up a valiant fight" in the promotion of their propaganda.

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"PATRIOTISM" IN HOLLYWOOD

From Los Angeles The Hour receives word of the activities of G. Allison, self-styled leader of The American Group, who broadcasts over station KMTR and invites his listeners to join him for further clarification in the cozy atmosphere of his own home. In his broadcasts Mr. Allison carefully emphasizes that his hospitality does not include the giving away of the literature of which he is author; guests or not, those wanting to read his books and pamphlets must pay cash for them, he says. Among the high-sounding titles of his publications are America for Americans, Appeal to Americans and Patriotic American Citizens. The content of these works, as of Mr. Allison's speeches, is anti-alien, anti-liberal and anti-labor. The titles are indicative of the patriotic mask the writer likes to wear in public.

Our correspondent informs us that at the private meetings at the Allison house, the mask is removed. Mr. Allison launches into the most fascistic of tirades. His pet hate is Hollywood's "Tower of Babel," and he urges its destruction. For the immediate present, however, he says he will be satisfied if the "aliens" are driven from the motion picture industry. In his anti-alien activity, the founder of The American Group proudly boasts that he is working very closely with Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina.

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THE POLITICS OF GENEROSO POPE

On July 6 The Hour pointed out that Generoso Pope, wealthy contractor and Democratic National Committeeman, was considering shifting his support from the Democratic to the Republican Party. As we indicated at the time, Pope's present mood is somewhat inclined to changing allegiances: his two Italian newspapers, Il Progresso Italo-Americano and Il Corriere d'America, which have been so staunch in their endorsement of Mussolini, have overnight become warm with praise of "Democracy."

Corroborating The Hour report on Pope politics is the fact that on Tuesday, August 27, Generoso Pope and Wendell Willkie had a confidential chat regarding their respective futures. But it cannot be said that Mr. Pope takes such matters lightly. On the day previous he had conferred with Ed Flynn, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. When there is a bargain to be struck, Mr. Pope strikes a hard one. The latest reports, as indicated in the N. Y. Times, have Mr. Flynn winning out.

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HARTERY ATTEMPTS COME-BACK

Joseph Hartery, who was one of the Christian Mobilizer leaders until the publication of his police record forced McWilliams to remove him, is now trying to organize his own branch of the Christian Front. Leaflets, advertising the first street meeting of the new group, were recently distributed in Yorkville, New York City. The leaflets were headed "GREAT CHRISTIAN RALLY at Christian Square -- 153rd Street at Third Avenue" and urged the recipients to "come in thousands to show ... that Christians insist on freedom of speech." Hartery, who served his first jail sentence in 1932 for his activities as procurer, still claims to be a staunch follower of Father Coughlin whom he refers to as "the American Messiah."